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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior Application No. 09/403,224 entitled CURING COMPOSITION OF FLUORORUBBER AND MOLDED ARTICLE OF FLUORORUBBER by the following named Inventor(s):

Koji MATSUMOTO and Yoshihiro SHIRAI

☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (4).

a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

The above-identified prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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1. ☒ Enter the Amendment previously filed June 20, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$740.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	12-20=	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5-3=	2	x 84 = \$168.00	x 42 = \$0.00
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TOTAL			\$1188.00	\$0.00

5. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
6. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). filed in on is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on .
7. ☒ Priority of International Appl. PCT/JP98/01692 filed on April 14, 1998 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No(s). 97207/1997 filed in Japan on April 15, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

8. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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9. ☒ The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- ☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$920.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
- ☐ An extension of () month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional () month(s) in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(b) for a period of () months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$1188.00 and \$920.00 is/are enclosed.
12. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
13. ☐ The filing fee is **NOT** attached. Please issue a Notice requesting the filing fee.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

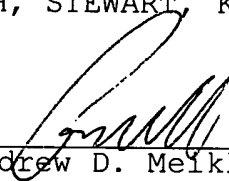
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all of the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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